

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are now pending in the application. Of these pending claims, Claims 1-5 and 15-23 have been cancelled, and Claims 24-29 have been allowed. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 24-29 have been allowed. The Examiner states that Claims 6-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claim 6 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Claims 6-14 should now be in condition for allowance.

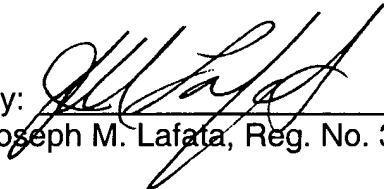
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt

and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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